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Sydney C. Fairfield

June 4th, 1920

The Curator of the Department of Coins
Fitzwilliam Museum
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

I would respectfully ask your aid in an arrangement of the coins of Metapontum which I am undertaking. I understand that there are sixty, oor more, staters of this city in the McLean Collection, as well as others in the Leake and Fitzwilliam Museum Collections.

Some time last year I wrote to Mr. S. W. Grose who, I believe, has some connection with your Collection, asking whether it would be possible to procure casts of these coins. At the time, I did not know that the series was so extensive or I should not have presumed so greatly. The letter seems not to have reached his hands for I received no response.

As a simplification which would meet my needs, would it be possible for you to have these coins photographed, obverse and reverse? This could probably be done very easily, and I should gladly bear the expense which would, presumably, be not more than a pound. Should there then be rarities of which I have not been able to secure casts, I could then request that you have casts of these pieces only made. I should, however, very much like a cast of the overstruck piece reproduced in the Numismatic Chronicle, 1916, (Pl.VII, No.7).

Trusting that I may rely upon your kind offices, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SFH/E

December 8th, 1920

Sydney C. Cockerell, Esq.
Director, Fitzwilliam Museum
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

Last August in writing to Mr. Wood, our Curator, about my request for casts of the coins of Metapontum in the McLean and Fitzwillian Collections, you said that you hoped to be able to send them to me after a time. Mr. Wood told me of the handicaps under which you are working, and I fully appreciate your courtesy in promising anything under such conditions; I hope that they have improved.

Will you forgive me for reminding you about the matter again, and permit me to add that if the casts could be made with the help of someone outside your staff who could be paid for his service, I should be very glad to bear the expense.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SAM/E

December 14th, 1920

Sydney C. Cockerell, Esq.
Director, Fitzwilliam Museum
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

I would be glad if you would kindly disregard my letter of December 8th to you in connection with casts of the coins of Metapontum in the McClean and Fitzwilliam Collections. I am just in receipt of very fine plates covering the former from Mr. S. W. Grose, and greatly appreciate the trouble he has taken in the matter.

Sincerely thanking you for having taken up my request with Mr. Grose, I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPM/E

September 27th, 1921.

Sydney C. Cockrell, Esq.,
Director, Fitzwilliam Museum,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Cockerell:-

While I was at Cambridge Mr. Ryder mentioned that your file of the Bulletins of the Metropolitan Museum and of the Boston Museum were incomplete. I promised him to look and see if I did not have some duplicate issues of these bulletins. Under separate cover I am sending you a number of those you lack, and should I find others on this list at any time, I shall be glad to keep your file in mind.

I reached New York the first of September and have been having a busy time of it since. My trip was very successful from the point of material obtained. It is a great pleasure for me to think back to the delightful days spent at the Fitzwilliam. I shall always remember your kindness, and hope that some day we may greet you in a similar way at our Museum.

With cordial regards to Mr. Ryder and Messrs. Crose and Seltman should you see them soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

20th August, 1929

S. C. Cockerell, Esq.,
Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum,
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Cockerell:

If Mr. Lloyd is not in Cambridge, may I ask that you kindly permit Professor Arthur S. Dewing (of Harvard University), the bearer of this note, to have access to the McClean and other coins in your Museum. If Mr. Lloyd is not absent, please put Mr. Dewing into communication with him.

I know that Mr. Dewing would have received the utmost courtesy without this communication, but he feels that a letter mentioning his membership in this Society would place him on a better footing. I am confident that you will find your contact with him a very agreeable one.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

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